

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 8 sheets of drawings include Figs. 1-9. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-9, replace the original informal sheets submitted with this application.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 32-33 remain in this application. Claims 30 and 33 were amended in this response. Claim 31 was canceled, without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendment. Claims 17-29, and 31-32 are allowed.

Along with this response, Applicants submit a formal set of drawings for review.

Claim 31 was objected to for informalities. In light of the amendments to claim 30 and the cancellation of claim 31, Applicants submit the informalities have been overcome. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly requested.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Popovic (US 6,567,482). Applicants traverse this rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

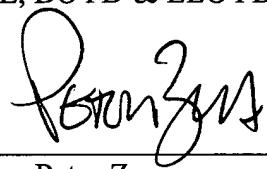
Claim 30 was amended to incorporate the allowable matter identified in claim 31. Accordingly, the claim is novel and non-obvious over the prior art. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is further submitted that no fees are due in connection with this response at this time. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket Number (0112740-347) on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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